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1. THIS POST'S NARCOTICS PROGRAM HAS BEEN AND CURRENTLY IS ADMINISTERED THROUGH COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS OF EMBASSY, DEA, AND USAID. PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR FORMAL COORDINATION WITH PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES AND OVERALL PROGRAM SUPERVISION RESTS WITH THE EMBASSY COUNSELOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN HIS CAPACITY AS NARCOTICS COORDINATOR. PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND DAY-TO-DAY ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS ARE CARRIED OUT BY THE DEA LIAISON OFFICE. RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THESE ACTION WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE PENDING CONSOLIDATION.

2. USAID'S RESPONSIBILITIES VIS-A-VIS THE NARCOTICS PROGRAM INCLUDE: (A) PROJECT BUDGETING, (B) DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATION OF PROJECT AGREEMENTS, (C) PREPARATION OF COMMODITY PROCUREMENT DOCUMENTATION AND THE MONITORING OF PROCUREMENT STATUS UNTIL DELIVERY OF GOODS TO COOPERATING GOP AGENCY, (D) FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING, AND (E) PROCESSING OF PARTICIPANTS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAINING AND OBSERVATIONAL TRAVEL. UNCLASSIFIED

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3. THE USAID PROGRAM OFFICER'S TIME EXPENDED ON NARCOTICS MATTERS IS PRINCIPALLY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, RELATED TO PRO AG PREPARATIONS. (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE TIME INVOLVED IN TRANSLATING THE PROJECT AGREEMENTS, WHICH IS ASSUMED LARGELY THE THE USAID LOCAL EMPLOYEE TRANSLATOR). ADDITIONALLY A SENIOR LOCAL EMPLOYEE FROM THE USAID

PROGRAM OFFICE ASSISTS IN NEGOTIATION OF PROJECT AGREE-MENTS AND ASSUMES A MAJOR ROLE IN OVERSEEING AND COORDINAT-ING WITHIN USAID THE TIMELY EXECUTION OF ACTION RELATED TO BUDGET, PROCUREMENT AND PARTICIPANT PROCESSING, THE USAID CONTROLLER'S OFFICE ALSO PROVIDES ASSISTANCE FOR NARCOTICS PROJECT BUDGETING AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING. THE USAID PROCUREMENT OFFICE PROVIDES SERVICES FOR NARCOTICS COMMODITY PROCUREMENT, UTILIZING AID'S ESTBALISHED PROCEDURE/DOCUMENTATION (THE PIO/C FORMAT). PROCESSING OF DOCUMENTATION FOR OVERSEAS PARTICIPANT TRAINING IS PROVIDED THROUGH THE USAID'S TRAINING OFFICE. WITH LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR TRAVEL RESERVATIONS, TICKET PROCUREMENT, TRAINING ALLOWANCE ADVANCES, ETC. PROVIDED BY OTHER USAID OFFICES. APPROXIMATELY 25 NARCOTICS PARTICPANTS A YEAR ARE PROCESSED, UTILIZING AID'S REGULAR DOCUMENTATION PROCEDURE/FORMAT (THE PIO/P).

4. MUCH OF THE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FUNCTION PERFORMED BY USAID (I.E., ITEMS 2(A), (C) AND (E) ARE HANDLED THROUGH EXISTING MECHANISMS EMPLYED IN THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OF ALL USAID ACTIVITIES. WHILE NEGOTIATIONS AND PREPARATION OF PRO AGS COULD BE ASSUMED IMMEDIATELY BY EMBASSY/POL AND DEA STAFFS, THE REMAINING FUNCTIONS IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE COULD NOT BE EFFECTIVELY ASSUMED WITH CURRENT EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES. WE ASSUME THAT S/NM WILL BE ESTABLISHING CENTRAL OFFICE FOR HANDLING UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMODITY PROCUREMENT AND PARTICIPANT TRAINEE PROCESSING, AND SUBSTITUTE PROCEDURES/DOCUMENTATION FOR THE AID PIO/PS AND PIO/CS. ONCE WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDED INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDANCE RELATED TO THESE ACTIVITIES AND MISSION RESPONSIBILITIES WE WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO ASSESS OUR SPECIFIC PROBLEMS AND RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS.

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